

AT THE OLD CAMPLEE

The First Richmond Volunteers Mustered into the Confederate Service.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF 1861.

Complete Rosters of Companies Organized Here in That Year.

NAMES OF IMPERISHABLE RENOWN.

Brief Notes as to Their Subsequent Assignment for Action.

SOME PHASES OF CAMP LIFE.

The Three Arms of Military Service

Represented in Nineteen Commands--Thousands of Men Then

Flocked to Defend the Cause.

The present and the past are inseparably associated. The one is the consequence and the inheritor of the other. In no way can the student of social development better pursue his study than in rambling through the streets of Richmond, among the structures that today has built amid the ruins and relics of yesterday.

Thirty-seven years ago General Lee established his headquarters in this city, upon the secession of Virginia from the Union, and organized the means of resistance to the northern armies. From all parts of Virginia and the Gulf States, the volunteer regiments, which had sprung up like magic, were forwarded by railway to the capital of the Confederacy. Every train brought additions to the great mass of raw material which had volunteered from this city; large camps rose around Richmond, chief among which was that named "Camp Lee," and the work of drilling and moulding this crude material for the great work before it was ardently proceeded with under the supervision of the renowned general.

To-day, history repeats itself, and Camp Lee is again the theatre of the mustering in to the service of a common country and for a common cause, the youth and chivalry of the Old Dominion. There was a great and merry multitude upon the noble spot when the writer saw it; a band was playing near the pavilion, and birds were circling and twittering around the tree tops in the light of the evening sun; but as he stood there and watched the happy, careless throng and listened to the martial music, some seemed suddenly to move among and be seen held the armed护ors of the Confederacy, and the gaunt Lee upon his charger riding down the line, if for an Appomattox, yet still for the laurel of everlasting fame.

ROSTERS OF OUR COMPANIES.

It has been said that there is but little that may interest the sightseer at Camp Lee, and in the sense of mere prose, this may be true. There is the one race-track, a large grassy plain, and to the right of it the lofty Auditorium Building. This is all that is to be seen, the spirit that lonely landscape is forever hollowed and glorious with the perfume of moral virtue, the devotion and the grandeur, and the fidelity of men who were content to perish for what they loved.

The Dispatch presents to its readers this morning a complete roster of the companies formed in this city at the outbreak of the civil war. They were the first to leave for the front, and nearly all of them were mustered into service at Camp Lee. In presenting this list the Dispatch wishes to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance of Captain E. Leslie Spence, Mr. C. T. Loehr, Mr. C. T. Poinsett, and Lee Camp Sons of Veterans. The rosters include only those companies that were organized early in 1861, and it does not include men who enlisted in the companies after their ranks had been thinned by active service.

MUSTERING IN OF THE FIRST.

Seven companies of the "Old First" Virginia Regiment, Infantry, which represented a part of Richmond's contribution to the Confederacy's cause, were mustered into that service in this city, but contrary to popular supposition, were never directly mustered into the army, which surrendered with Lee at Appomattox.

When these companies, which composed a part of this regiment's immortal roster, received their call to take up arms in the defense of the South, it came from the State of Virginia, and not from the Confederate Government, and it was into the service of the former, primarily, that they were mustered on the 21st of April, 1861. The mustering in was done at the old State court-house, as it was known, a building which stood on Twelfth street, near where the State Library Building now stands, and which was destroyed by the evacuation fire of April 3, 1865. The men were passed upon by General Baldwin, and on 27th they went into training at Camp Lee, which was then familiarly known as the new Fair-Grounds. The companies thus mustered in were B, C, D, G, H, I, and K.

Company A, of the First, as it existed before the opening of hostilities, had been sent to Norfolk, where it was later attached to the Twelfth Virginia Regiment, and Company B (Blues) to Frederick, where it became a part of the Forty-sixth Company F, when mustered into the service of the Twenty-first Regiment, and thus were assigned to active service the entire ten companies.

THE FRANKISHNESS OF RECRUTS.

The veteran members of the old companies from the First, when saw their first camp life at Camp Lee, where the present mobilization of troops is being made, tell many a amusing stories of the pranks which they and their comrades played during those days. Whenever opportunity offered they were down in the city, and all the days of the week this was particularly true of Sunday, when the rigor of discipline was in a measure less marked.

In this connection a good story is told of Captain Joseph G. Griswold, the war captain of Company D, the "Old Dominion Guard."

It was Sunday, and the strict captain was seated inside his tent when the hour for dinner arrived. Without leaving his seat he called out, in stentorian tones, "Company D, fall in." Supposing that his command was being obeyed, he waited. Undeterred by the fact that he was the only man of the company, perhaps within miles, instead of a shout, John Craig, who home was near Port Walthall Junction, and consequently beyond a Sunday visit, sang out in an enquiring tone, "Shall we fall in in two ranks, Captain Griswold?" "Certainly, fall in in two ranks," came the Captain's peremptory reply. Then, for the first time, it occurred to him to look out, and there stood Craig, with his feet spread as far from each other as he could possibly place them, and on his tongue the question, "This two ranks, Captain?" Dr. Dorsey Cullen, who passed away in 1862, was the regimental surgeon.

FLOWERS ON THEIR BAYONETS.

On May the 24, 1861, the troops received their first orders to move, and the following day the richmond camp and boardied a train of the richmond and fredericksburg and potomac railroad for manassas, when they arrived the next day, and went into camp.

Hundreds of ladies and members of the families of the soldiers assembled to bid them farewell, and every man's must bore a bunch of flowers, as he march-

ed off to the strains of Smith's Band, a familiar local musical organization of those days. Similar attentions were also the rule all along the route.

ROSTER OF THE REGIMENT.

The field officers of the regiment were: Colonel, P. T. Moore; Lieutenant-Colonel, William H. Fry; Major, William Munford; Adjutant, George O. Otley; Sergeant-Major, William O. Harvey; Quartermaster-Lieutenant, L. G. Allan; Commissary, D. B. Bridgeford; Surgeon, Dr. J. S. Dorsey Cullen; Assistant Surgeon, Dr. D. Cunningham.

The companies were: B. Smith (leader), James M. Meitton, William Trivell, J. Adam, Lawrence, and Philip Rosenthal, Richard Fox, R. Emerson, John Boucher, John Ellig, Joseph Hirschberg, Charles Schuman, and James Buckley.

The Drum Corps--C. R. M. Pohle (drum-major); Drummers, William Bolten, Frank Branman, George Burch, — Bladen, George W. Eubank, Ben Doyle, Henry Hardester, Fred Harris, James Johnson, George King, Lewis Levy, Thomas McDonough, James O'Keefe, Joseph Shumaker, George Smither, Henry Solomon, George W. Strange, William Street, Frank Sweeney.

THE RICHMOND GRAYS.

Company A (the Richmond Grays), as already stated, was mustered in at Norfolk. The following is the complete roster of the organization:

Wyatt M. Elliott, captain; Louis J. Braxton, first lieutenant; Jacob V. Randolph, second lieutenant; Randolph Harrison, Esq., third lieutenant; Edwin W. Branch, first sergeant; John B. Vaughan, second sergeant; William Ira Smith, third sergeant; Cyrus Bosseaux, fourth sergeant; Joseph Michael, first corporal; William J. Johnson, second corporal; James H. Mundy, third corporal; James W. Pegram, fourth corporal.

Privates--W. R. Allegre, J. H. Askew, D. G. Baker, James G. Blackwell, C. E. Booth, V. Bossieux, M. M. Bowers, W. P. Britt, C. D. Clarke, S. S. Clarke, J. E. Collier, W. L. Cox, Z. L. Crawford, F. C. Crook, A. R. Crump, H. Curtis, J. F. Curtis, J. H. Daniel, J. W. Daniel, T. J. Daniel, J. C. Dickenson, William Dowden, H. E. Ellison, W. G. Everett, E. M. Ezekiel, S. Forth, J. P. Foy, W. H. Ford, W. H. Fischer, H. B. Gaines, W. A. Gathright, W. H. Johnson, Jr., W. Gibson, George Gibson, L. Godard, J. G. Granger, J. F. Gratz, George Gratz, R. B. Gunn, E. K. Gunn, T. J. H. Hawkins, Robert Heath, J. S. Hardgrave, J. H. Hardgrave, J. Hollingshead, James H. Johnson, J. Gibson, C. G. Grattan, R. B. Gunn, E. K. Gunn, T. J. H. Hawkins, Robert Heath, J. R. Har- son, E. K. Gratz, George Gratz, George Gratz, R. B. Gunn, E. K. Gunn, T. J. H. Hawkins, Robert Heath, J. S. Hardgrave, J. H. Hardgrave, J. Hollingshead, James H. Johnson, J. Gibson, C. G. Grattan, R. B. Gunn, E. K. Gunn, T. J. H. 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